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A replacement name for *Xiphorhynchus fuscus brevirostris* (Pinto 1938)

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Based on the suggestions of García-Moreno & Cardoso da Silva (1997), Lesser Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes fuscus* (Vieillot 1818) is now placed in the genus *Xiphorhynchus* Swainson 1827. This revision received support from Irestedt *et al.* (2004) and Aleixo (2004), and was also followed by Dickinson (2003) and Marantz *et al.* (2003). Recent examination of the latter works has identified a duplication of names within the genus *Xiphorhynchus* (Dendrocolaptidae), as the trinomial *brevirostris* is now used for two taxa due to the amalgamation of selected taxa, formerly ranked in two genera, into a single genus.

When García-Moreno & Cardoso da Silva's revision is accepted, use of the trinomial *Xiphorhynchus fuscus brevirostris* (Pinto 1938: 384) becomes erroneous, as the name is preoccupied by *X. chunchotambo brevirostris* (Zimmer 1934: 18), a subspecies of Tschudi's Woodcreeper, and as such it is unavailable. The change from *X. ocellatus brevirostris*, Ocellated Woodcreeper, for Zimmer's taxon, follows the revision proposed by Aleixo (2002) and supported by Marantz *et al.* (2003).

Under all recent placements Pinto's name is unavailable for this taxon following the code of the ICZN (1999). *Lepidocolaptes fuscus brevirostris* Pinto therefore must either be replaced by using a pre-existing name or by providing a new name (ICZN articles 23.1 and 60.3). A lengthy literature review indicates that Pinto's name *Lepidocolaptes fuscus brevirostris* has no available junior synonyms, as it has been a stable taxon. If *Xiphorhynchus fuscus* were to revert to the genus *Lepidocolaptes* then the trinomial would not require such action and it could

continue with its former arrangement. In the current circumstances, Pinto's original name of *brevirostris* has been replaced for purposes of homonymy (ICZN article 57.3), but as it stands is available as a junior subjective homonym (article 59.2).

For Pinto's original taxon, we therefore propose the *nomen novum* of *Xiphorhynchus fuscus pintoi*. This has been done to stabilise the nomenclature by replacing the existing name, which has now been shown to be unavailable. *Xiphorhynchus* is a masculine genus (ICZN article 30.1.3) and the trinomial has been chosen to celebrate the family name of that famous Brazilian ornithologist, Olivério Mário de Oliveira Pinto (1896–1981), who first recognised and named the taxon. Pinto's original type materials retain their standing as types for *Lepidocolaptes fuscus brevirostris* Pinto, and also for the allocated replacement name of *Xiphorhynchus fuscus pintoi*.

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